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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN SOME EDITIONS OF JUNE 9
NEW YORK TIMES:

2. QUOTE THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ANNOUNCED
YESTERDAY THE ARREST SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT OF TWO YOUNG
MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE AND A NEW JERSEY FLEA-
MARKET OPERATOR WHO ALLEGEDLY SUPPLIED THEM WITH EXPLOSIVES.

3. THE TWO YOUTHS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS THEY REACHED
THE NEW YORK SIDE OF THE GOETHALS BRIDGE FROM NEW JERSEY
IN AN AUTOMOBILE. FEDERAL AGENTS SAID THEY FOUND, ON THE
FRONT SEAT, A PACKAGE CONTAINING FOUR POUNDS OF BLACK POWDER
USED TO MAKE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

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4. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE CHARGED THAT THE POWDER HAD BEEN PLANTED THERE BY FBI AGENTS.

5. ARRAIGNED IN FEDERAL COURT IN BROOKLYN WERE STEVEN EHRLICH, 20 YEARS OLD, OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND A 17-YEAR-OLD JUVENILE, IDENTIFIED BY THE JDL AS STEPHEN ROMBOM, A STUDENT AT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN.

6. MAGISTRATE CRITICAL - MR. EHRLICH WAS RELEASED ON A 10,000 DOLLAR PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND, SUPPORTED BY 1,000 DOLLARS IN CASH AFTER THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE, A. SIMON CHREIN, CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR USING THE NAME OF THE JUVENILE IN THE COMPLAINT AS A CO-CONSPIRATOR. MAGISTRATE CHREIN ALSO ORDERED THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINTS TAKEN OF THE JUVENILE BE DESTROYED.

7. AT A SEPARATE ARR THOMAS MAC INTOSH JR, 36, OF WOODBURY, N. J., WAS ORDERED HELD IN LIEU OF 100,000 DOLLAR BAIL ON A CHARGE OF SUPPLYING FOUR POUNDS OF POWDER TO THE TWO J.D.L. MEMBERS, KNOWING IT WOULD BE TAKEN TO NEW YORK.

8. ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINTS FILED IN FEDERAL COURT IN BROOKLYN, FEDERAL AGENTS RECEIVED WORD FROM A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ON THE ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF MR. MAC INTOSH AND MR. ROMBOM, AND THEN WIREAPPED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO IN WHICH MR. MAC INTOSH WAS ASKED REPEATEDLY FOR SUPPLIES OF BLACK POWDER.

9. THE FEDERAL AGENTS CITED THREE OCCASIONS SINCE LAST APRIL IN WHICH MR. MAC INTOSH HAD SUPPLIED THE EXPLOSIVE POWDER TO YOUNG ROMBOM--FIVE POUNDS ON APRIL 25, AN UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY ON APRIL 6, AND FOUR POUNDS MONDAY NIGHT.

10. LONG INVESTIGATION - BOTH FEDERAL AND LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES HAD PLACED THE SUSPECTS UNDER OBSERVATION AS A RESULT OF THE INFORMATION THEY HAD RECEIVED.

11. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, J. WALLACE LA PRADE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE F.B.I. SAID THE ARRESTS WERE

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THE RESULT OF A LONG INVESTIGATION BY HIS AGENCY IN COOPERATION WITH THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

12. CALLING THE ARRESTS "SIGNIFICANT," MR. LA PRADE INDICATED THEY COULD FURNISH CLUES TO A NUMBER OF EXPLOSIONS IN NEW YORK CITY. END QUOTE

13. SIMILAR ARTICLE APPEARED IN JUNE 9 DAILY NEWS. ROBIN.